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## THE LIMA TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

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### TALES OF THE TOWN.

The interior of Fox's jewelry store is being remodeled.

The regular meeting of the O. E. S. will be held this evening in Masonic hall.

Al Wilson was locked up at the police station last night for drunkenness.

Daniel Simons and Clem Romshe, while hunting near Hume, killed a blue racer snake six feet long.

The Misses Cantley entertained, Monday evening, in honor of Misses Seifert and Shoener, of Dayton.

Two hobos, who were locked up yesterday afternoon for drunkenness, were freed out of the city this morning.

The entertainment to have been given at Johnson's swim to night, has been postponed on account of the bicycle races at Fairport's park.

Henry Steine removed his family to-day from Sidney to 124 West Elm street, this city. Mr. Steine is employed at the Oak Lumber Co.

The South Side W. C. T. U. will hold an oratorical contest in Grace M. E. tent on Kirby street, this evening. Go and hear the old folks speak and sing.

Willie Oman, arrested night before last for drunkenness, was this morning dismissed by the mayor, who warned him that another offense would send him to the workhouse.

Wm. A. Miller, of Elida, died yesterday from diabetes. He was forty-six years of age and leaves a wife and two children. The funeral services will be held from the M. E. church in Elida at 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Miss Mollie Cunningham delightfully entertained a number of her intimate friends last evening at the home, 417 North West street. There were about ten couples present. The evening was spent in dancing, music, etc., after which a dainty lunch was served.

Johnson's Swim.

Boats will leave the Lima House and Sunset House every half hour. 30c round trip with ticket for bath or one hour boat ride of same date.

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### JIM SMILEY,

**As Mayor Refuses to Subpoena Witnesses to Investigate Charges Against Vena**

**Who Founded a Helpless Drunken Man With His Club, While Two Policemen Held the Man's Arms.**

**Brutality Seems to be at a Premium in the Estimation of the Present Administration of Lima.**

The members of the city council who demanded an investigation of the charges against the colored policeman, Vena, who is alleged to have unnecessarily beaten Theo Leifert with his club, after he had placed him under arrest July 14th, have not yet succeeded in getting the committee together with the witnesses to hear the evidence in the case.

A week ago Monday night the council passed a resolution to have a special committee investigate and report upon the affair, and upon motion the chair appointed Messrs. McVey, Metheny and Standish as the committee. Mr. Metheny declined to act at the time, saying that he had already investigated the matter at the police station and was satisfied that the officer was justified in using his club as he did. He was not excused by chair, however, and to-day Mr. McVey made an effort to get a meeting of the committee arranged for this evening, but claims that both Mr. Metheny and Mr. Standish refused to meet for the investigation. Councilman Eberhartson says that the matter has had considerable publicity not in the policeman's favor, and that if the action of Vena was justifiable, as Mr. Metheny and the mayor claim, they and Vena should court an investigation in order to vindicate the policeman. He, together with Mr. McVey and Mr. Kemper, are determined that the investigation shall be had, and tried to get the mayor or chief of police to issue summons to the witnesses; but both flatly refused to assist the council in any way in securing an investigation. The mayor stated that Vena did strike Leifert on the top of the head with his club, but that he was justified in so doing, and that Leifert only sustained a very slight wound.

Mr. Eberhartson says that the subpoenas will be prepared before a notary public and served, and that in case Messrs. Standish and Metheny still refuse to meet with the other members of the special committee the investigation shall be held before the majority of the committee and the evidence taken by a stenographer.

### HARPER'S SLAYER

**Held to Answer to the Charge of Manslaughter.**

**Witnesses Saw Harper Draw a Revolver on Turpen Several Times Before the Murder.**

The coroner's inquest in the murder of Wm. Harper at Pliska on last Friday night, was concluded yesterday.

In the testimony of Wm. Zagel it was shown that Harper had gone to Quincy during the first part of the present month for the purpose of doing Turpen a personal violence. Before Harper left Pliska he stated that he was going for the purpose of creating trouble. When he arrived at Quincy he was met by Turpen and Zagel, and he at once made threats that he intended to kill Turpen.

It was also proved in the testimony that Harper drew a revolver on Turpen on the night of the murder, seven hours before the crime was committed.

As each witness was examined an effort was made to learn the true character of the men. In each instance it was shown that Turpen was the best man of the two, and that he was less liable to quarrel than the murdered man.

A conclusion of the examination of the coroner rendered the following verdict: "After having heard the evidence and examining the body I do find that the deceased, William Harper, came to his death by a blow received on the right side of the face and head with a club in the hands of one Daniel B. Turpen."

William Pittman, the assistant bartender at the resort where the murdered man was employed, and Mrs. Clara Hardman, the proprietress, were held under bond in the sum of \$300 for their appearance in court as witnesses in the case.

At the conclusion of the examination of the coroner, the preliminary examination of Turpen was held. When the prisoner was brought into the court room he was accompanied by his wife, whom he deserted last fall, and who has been at his side ever since he was arrested on the charge. His brothers, John C. Turpen, of Peru, Ind., were with him. The court room was crowded to its utmost capacity, and after the strong had been quieted Mayor Key announced that the attorneys for the defense, Charles M. Anderson, of Greenville, and Judge W. C. Johnson, of this city, had decided to allow their client to be bound over to court on the charge of manslaughter, it having been suggested by the prosecuting attorney, Thomas B. Kyle, to withdraw the charge of murder in the first and second degrees, and having given his consent to this arrangement, Turpen was played under \$4,000 bond, which was readily given.

### STREET TALK.

The second regiment has probably the best equipped and most efficient hospital corps in the Ohio National Guard. These young men are all drilled out with dress uniforms and campaign hats in addition to their regular fatigue uniforms, and have the regulation ambulance, cots, litter and knives. In camp each battalion will have a corps of four, in charge of an assistant surgeon, while four men will stay in the hospital.

and the steward with an assistant will remain in charge of the drug store. The boys have been drilled two nights in a week under command of Sergeant Deuling, whose skill in drill regulations has proved a great benefit to them. By his hard work and care the corps has been brought to an efficiency that is seldom reached by a similar organization. When in camp, just watch our hospital corps. — *Kenton News*

Adjutant General Howe has assumed control of the Keaton daily and weekly *Republican*, which he purchased from E. L. Millar. The paper will be a staunch McKinley organ in the future. Heretofore it has leaned towards Furaker. Gen. Howe will personally conduct the paper in connection with his duties as adjutant general.

### FORGERY

**Charged Against the Administrator of an Estate.**

**Wm. O. Brodier Arrested and Sent to Jail in Default of Bail.**

Late yesterday afternoon Constable Miller arrested Wm. O. Brodier, a carpenter living on north Union street, on an affidavit sworn to by Henry Custard before Squire Graham, charging him with crookedness as administrator of Hannah Custard. The affidavit recites that Brodier, as such administrator, did, on the 25th day of last August, forge a receipt for \$100 as part, down due Custard. Brodier pleaded not guilty, and as he could not give bond in the sum of \$500 he was sent to jail and will have a hearing Friday. The receipt, it is alleged, was originally \$70 and Brodier is accused of raising it to \$100.

Brodier complained to the police a few weeks ago of being robbed of a couple of hundred dollars belonging to the estate.

### POLEY FOUND GUILTY,

**But the Case will be Appealed From Mayor's Court.**

The case against Pat Poley, the saloon keeper charged with Sunday selling, was tried in mayor's court yesterday afternoon. The mayor rendered a decision of guilty, and fined the defendant \$50 and costs. A motion for a new trial was overruled and the attorney for the defense will appeal the case.

John O'Connell, proprietor of a saloon on south Main street, who was charged with Sunday selling, was found guilty of the charge in mayor's court this morning, and was fined \$25 and costs.

Chris Geiger, charged with Sunday selling, appeared before the mayor last evening and pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$30 and costs.

The case of the city against Manning Bros., charged with keeping open on Sunday, will be tried before a jury when city solicitor Adgate returns from his vacation.

### GOT AWAY.

**A Tramp Steals a Watch and Escapes the Police.**

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon J. Conrath, a pumper who has charge of the well on the Walcott property in South Lima, gave a tramp permission to go into the boiler house at the well to wash. He noticed the fellow leave rather hastily and soon afterward discovered the tramp had stolen a silver watch from his vest which he had left hanging in the boiler house. Policemen Furry and Watts got trace of the thief and followed him a couple of miles west of the city, on the C. & E., with a hand car, but he escaped in the woods near the glycerine factory.

### USED A KNIFE.

**Such is the Charge Against Russell Wilt.**

W. M. Gilbert, constable at Somerset, Pa., arrived in the city last night and left for Somerset this morning with the prisoner, Russell Wilt, who was arrested by Chief Haller day before yesterday.

Wilt's parents reside in the country near Somerset, and are very prominent and well-to-do. The constable states that the young man, while in a drunken run, used a knife on another young man's arm, and as a result the latter will be crippled for life.

### ABOUT THE POLICE STATION.

The interior of the city prison is being repainted.

A new floor has been put in the stalls for the horses at central fire station.

Policeman Furry feels so aged that he contemplates resigning his position on the force. The trouble is he is grandpa to the bouncing baby boy which was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simons a few days ago.

Russell Wilt, the prisoner who was

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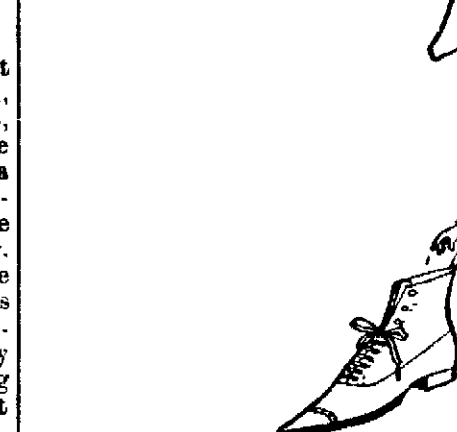
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AMOUNT NOT RAISED.

The U. V. U. Encampment Fund Six Hundred Dollars Short.

The Citizens' Executive Committee of arrangements for the national encampment of the U. V. U., met in the surveyor's office last evening at 7:30 o'clock and heard the reports of the various committees.

The report of the finance committee showed subscriptions to the amount of \$900. This is \$600 short of what is necessary for completing arrangements and defraying the necessary expenses incidental to this encampment. This amount must be raised in a very short time; it is therefore hoped that all who can will contribute to this fund.

Beginning next Monday, Miss Nettie Reed will open a bureau of information and accommodation in the surveyor's office at the court house. Any persons having rooms to rent or wanting to room and board a number of persons can call on Miss Reed, who will register the name, street and number. Also, any party or parties wanting to secure quarters or lodging can be accommodated by applying at the same place. By order of the Committee.

Grand Excursion

To the Soldier's Home Thursday, July 25th, via C. H. & D. R. R., only \$2.00 for the round trip. Train leaves Lima at 5:45 a. m. See bills.

OIL AND GAS.

The oil well on the Corathers farm was shut last night and is not a success. There are a few feet of oil in the hole but not enough to pay to pump. It is reported that other wells will be drilled in this vicinity. — *Van Wert Bulletin*.

Died From Consumption.

Mrs. George Goldsberry, aged 26 years, died at her home, 508 North Jackson street, at 10:20 o'clock last night, from consumption.

The funeral services will be held from the house at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and the remains will be interred at West Minister.

Remember

That if you pay your water rent for the last half of the year during the month of July you get a discount of ten per cent.

### COWARDLY ACT.

**Ed Snyder Painfully Injured Last Evening.**

E. W. Snyder, the Main street barber, was knocked from his wheel, at Grand avenue and Elizabeth street, last night, by being struck in the back with a stone. There was a crowd of boys at the corner mentioned and it is thought the missile was thrown by one of their number, although they deny any knowledge of the guilty person. The wheel was badly damaged in the fall. Mr. Snyder intends to prosecute the guilty person, if caught. He is suffering from a badly bruised back, the result of the assault.

### MANY DISAPPOINTED.

The Edworth League Fails to Get a Special Train.

The committee on arrangements for the Epworth League excursion to Quincy to-day failed to contract with the Ohio Southern for the special train which they intended to run from here at 9 o'clock this morning, and those who went were compelled to go on the regular train at 6:15 o'clock this morning. Quite a number who intended going at 9 o'clock did not learn the special was not secured and consequently were disappointed.

Taken to Cleveland for Burial.

The funeral services of Alfred Joseph, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. O'Brien, whose death was mentioned in yesterday's *Times-DEMOCRAT*, were held this morning at St. Rose's church at 6 o'clock. Rev. A. E. Manning, uncle of the deceased, celebrated high mass and conducted the funeral services, after which the funeral cortege moved to the L. E. & W. passenger depot, where the remains were shipped on the 7:30 o'clock train to Cleveland, where interment will take place this evening.

The bereaved parents and a large number of near relatives accompanied the remains to Cleveland.

AMONG THE RAILROADS.

WILL REMOVE.

The executive committee of the Order of Railway Telegraphers has decided to remove its headquarters from Vinton, Iowa, to Peoria, Ill., and Grand Chief Powell is in Peoria selecting rooms. This step is taken with the hope that it will instill new life into the association, which has lost largely in its membership the last eighteen months, and is proved financially, as many of the members have been, from various causes, unable to pay their assessments.

SINGLE DRIVEN ENGINES.

The remarkable departure in design of fast locomotives made by the Reading in introducing a single driven engine for the Royal line line and similar work is now in actual test. A Baldwin compound with one

### THE WESTERN

Proposed to Reach Erie

WILMINGTON, July 25.—The Western Union is making arrangements for the purchase of the old graph line extending from Columbia, started 30 to Europe via Bering's.

Thirty years ago, when the first telegraph line was laid, the Indians and not the people there, and in the country and a few officials and detectives helped. The sheriff, as well as the detective started to secure the adj.

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Rochester, on the P. Ft. W. & C. as soon as possible, so heavy is traffic between those points. By connecting up several long sidings three tracks could soon be in readiness at small cost.

The steel rail mills of the country are enjoying a boom, such as they have not experienced for many years. Within the last thirty days they have received orders for 170,000 tons of rails, and it is stated that the Pennsylvania company will place an other large order this week.

The Nickel Plate has finally decided to make some much needed improvements at this place, and yesterday commenced the work of double tracking that portion of the line lying between the freight house and the St. Mary's river. New sidings will also be put in at the Hoffman mills, near the stone yards, off the Rockwell and the stone yards of Ruth & Keller. The tracks and sidings will be laid on the line of the old canal basin, and a fill of six or eight feet will be necessary in some places. This improvement in the most important the company has undertaken since the completion of its line, about thirteen years ago. — *St. Wayne News*.

Conductor Johnston, of the C. & E., is laying off. Conductor Pat Herr is running his car on the west local.

Engineer Lee, of the C. & E., has resumed his run on the west local, after being on the sick list for a few days.

Fireman Dan Mcweeney, of the L. E. & W., has returned to work after a long vacation.

Sup't H. F. Hickell, of the L. E. & W., was in Sandusky yesterday.

The [L. E. & W. road earned more in the second week in this year than in the corresponding week of 1901 or 1902, earning this year \$80,888, against \$50,032 in 1901, and \$60,000 in 1902.

Brakeman Hastings, of the L. E. & W., had one of his hips badly bruised at Buffon, day before yesterday, by being hit with a piece of coupling pin which broke in two on the train on which he was working for conductor McComb.

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